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Testimony of Wendell and Susan Coogan in support of HB 5596, An Act Concerning the Right to Dry

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Drying one's laundry on a clothesline or drying rack is such a simple, yet profound act that each of us can do to reduce the amount of energy we use every day.

We have been using our clothesline for as long as we've been doing laundry. We live on a quiet, well-kept suburban street, and no one has ever complained about the sight of our "solar clothes dryer." In fact, we have received compliments on our being the most conservation-conscious people in the neighborhood. Other neighbors have joined us in recent years.

It is amusing to us that condo complexes, which typically have trash bins and dumpsters readily visible, should find something objectionable in seeing clean laundry blowing in a summer breeze. We thought those types of objections went out with buggy whips and silent movies.

It seems unconscionable to us that in today's energy-starved world, that anyone would be prohibited from doing something that clearly helps to make the planet a little greener and a little cleaner.

We are asking that you please support HB 5596. Thank you.